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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Do the Government think it was right to withdraw the case when the court was seized of the matter and when the court had already framed charges. By the withdrawal of the case, have not the ends of justice been sacrificed? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir. The court agreed for the thing to be withdrawn and it was withdrawn."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a formal matter that when the prosecution wants to withdraw the case generally the court gives permission? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" May be so, in which case the responsibility will be with the court."

Proposal to cement or tar the Northern Grand Trunk Road from Nellore to Ongole.

* 27 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to cement or tar the Northern Grand Trunk Road from Nellore to Ongole; and

(*b*) if so, when the work is likely to be taken on hand?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) As soon as funds are provided by the Government of India for the purpose."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" In some cases cement concrete roads are laid in trunk roads and in some cases only tarred roads are laid. Why is this distinction made? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The distinction is based on the intensity of the traffic as assessed, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

(*a*) ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee :—

(1) Sri H. M. Jagannatham.
(2) Dr. Syed Tajuddin.
(3) Sri A. Govindacharyulu.
(4) ,, P. Veerabhadraswami.
(5) ,, S. A. S. Rm. Ramanathan Chettiar.
(6) ,, S. K. Sadagopa Mudaliar.
(7) Janab K. T. M. Ahamed Ibrahim.

" Janab K. T. M. Ahamed Ibrahim has since withdrawn his candidature.

" As the number of candidates remaining is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

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"In addition to the above, under rule 144 of the Madras Council Rules, I nominate the following two members to be members of the said Committee :—

(1) Mrs. M. Hensman.
(2) Sri L. Subbarama Reddi."

(*b*) ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election of nine members to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1950–51 :—

(1) Dr. Syed Tajuddin.
(2) Sri H. M. Jagannatham.
(3) ,, Mothey Narayana Rao.
(4) ,, K. Manathunainatha Desigar.
(5) Dr. P. S. Srinivasan.
(6) Sri M. Narayana Menon.
(7) ,, N. Sankara Reddi.
(8) ,, S. B. Adityan.
(9) Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar.
(10) Janab K. Uppi.

" Sri H. M. Jagannatham has since withdrawn his candidature.

" As the number of candidates remaining is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., nine, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee of Privileges."

(*c*) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that Sri N. Ranga Reddi is the only candidate duly nominated for the election of one Member of the Legislative Council to the Local Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. I hereby declare him duly elected."

III.—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN 1946–47.

3-30 p.m. THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" We shall now proceed with the discussion of the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in 1946–47 and the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1949–50."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" We may follow the convention which the Hon. the Finance Minister wanted to . . . ."

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" If it is necessary, we may have a separate discussion on these Demands. First we may take the Demands for Excess Expenditure in 1946–47 and then the Demands for Supplementary Grants for 1949–50."